

Transmitting the notice of the continuation of the national emergency relating to Cuba; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-18).

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—23)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 7:16 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, February 28, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1776.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—AGRICULTURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Agriculture, receiving testimony from Dan Glickman, Secretary, Richard Rominger, Deputy Secretary, Keith Collins, Chief Economist, and Stephen B. Dewhurst, Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, all of the Department of Agriculture.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 4.

APPROPRIATIONS—AID

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Agency for International Development and to review bilateral economic assistance programs, receiving testimony from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

PERSIAN GULF ILLNESS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Department of Defense response to reports that service members may have been exposed to chemical agents while serving in the Persian Gulf and to research efforts into the causes and treatment of Persian Gulf related illnesses, after receiving testimony from John P. White, Deputy Secretary of Defense; Lt. Gen. Carlton W. Fulford, Jr., USMC, Commanding General, I Marine Expeditionary Force (Camp Pendleton, California); Brig. Gen. Daniel R. Zanini, USA, Chief of Army Staff; Stephen C. Joseph, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs; Elaine L. Larson and Adm. Donald Custis, USN (Ret.), both on behalf of the Presidential Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; and Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, USA (Ret.).

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on ballistic missile defense programs, receiving testimony from Lt. Gen. Lester L. Lyles, USAF, Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization, Department of Defense.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

TV RATINGS SYSTEM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee held hearings to examine the impact and adequacy of the current television ratings system, receiving testimony from Senators Boxer, Coats, Conrad, Leahy, and Lieberman; Representatives Bono, Burton, Foley, Gallegly, Joseph Kennedy, and Markey; Joan Dykstra, National PTA, Eddie Fritts, National Association of Broadcasters, Jack Valenti, Motion Picture Association of America, Robert T.M. Phillips, American Psychiatric Association, and Andrea Sheldon, Traditional Values Coalition, all of Washington, D.C.; Lois Salisbury, Children Now, Oakland, California; Matt Blank, Showtime Network, New York, New York; Joanne Cantor, University of Wisconsin, Madison; Kevin Saunders, University of Oklahoma, Norman; and Brian Wilcox, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, on behalf of the American Psychological Association.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Committee held hearings to examine the views of certain Congressional advisory commissions on the Administration's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for Medicare, receiving

testimony from Joseph P. Newhouse, Chairman, Prospective Payment Assessment Commission; and Gail R. Wilensky, Chair, Physician Payment Review Commission.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Health Care resumed hearings to examine the financial soundness of the Medicare program and its future status, receiving testimony from Thomas R. Saving and Andrew J. Rettenmaier, both of the Private Enterprise Research Center/Texas A&M University, College Station; Stuart H. Altman, Brandeis University Graduate School for Social Policy, Waltham, Massachusetts; and Len M. Nichols, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

1998 STATE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations concluded hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of State's administration of foreign affairs, after receiving testimony from Patrick F. Kennedy, Acting Under Secretary of State for Management.

AUTHORIZATION—HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee held hearings to examine the Administration's post-secondary education policy and proposed legislation authorizing funds for programs of the Higher Education Act, receiving testimony from Richard W. Riley, Secretary of Education.

Hearings will continue on Friday, March 14.

HUBZONE ACT

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings on S. 208, to provide Federal contracting opportunities for small business concerns located in historically underutilized business zones, receiving testimony from Barry N. Corona, Production Products Manufacturing and Sales, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; J. Glynn Loope, Alleghany Highlands Economic Development Authority, Covington, Virginia; Ursula Powidzki, Baltimore Advisors, Inc., Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Initiative for a Competitive Inner City; and Fabio Sampoli, Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce, New Haven, Connecticut.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 46 public bills, H.R. 856–901; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 57, and H. Con. Res. 27–30, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: No reports were filed today.

Journal: By a yea-and-nay vote of 332 yeas to 38 nays with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 28, the House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal of Wednesday, February 26.

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Recess: The House recessed at 9:03 a.m.

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Address by President Frei of Chile: The Senate and House held a Joint Meeting to receive an address by His Excellency Eduardo Frei, President of the Republic of Chile. President Frei was escorted to and from the House Chamber by Senators Nickles, Mack, Coverdell, Lugar, Dodd, Harkin, and Graham of Florida, and by Representatives Armey, DeLay, Boehner, Cox of California, Gilman, Gallegly, Gephardt, Bonior, Kennelly, Hoyer, Hamilton, and Menendez.

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Recess: The House reconvened at 11:45 a.m.

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Committee Leave of Absence: Read a letter from Representative Watts of Oklahoma wherein he requests a leave of absence from the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

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Joint Economic Committee: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Manzullo, Sanford, Thornberry, Doolittle, and McCrery to the Joint Economic Committee.

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Presidential Message—National Emergency Re Cuba: Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his report concerning the national emergency with respect to the Government of Cuba—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–48).

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Recess Proceedings: It was made in order that the recess proceedings of the Joint Meeting be printed in the record.

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